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Yazid returned Washington for anticipated follow-up discussions Oct. 23 accompanied by Yaker, Brahimi and Sahnoun, all FONOFF officials. Main purpose was explore possibilities intensification US relief aid in precarious months immediately ahead. Stressed urgency more food-work programs and help ~~xxx~~ with extensive but unmeasured requirements shelter, medical help and clothing. Indicated French not RPT not interested relief aid. Other French aid would hinge upon negotiation conventions under Evian Accords not likely be completed until next spring. Meanwhile winter emergencies would be acute.

We outlined nature and extent current US relief programs and areas, particularly food, where we felt we could be ~~xxxxxx~~ helpful. We stressed desirability knowing more about over-all needs and anticipated help from other sources. No ~~xxx~~ RPT no new commitments made, but suggested Algerian Govt. pursue matters with Embassy and Coster who identified as AID expert.

Governor Williams briefed Algerians on missile sites Cuba and grave implications. Yazid non-committal, but said President's TV speech thoroughly understood in light earlier discussions with Ben Bella. Algeria recognized

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new and grave situation and would give every consideration US info and views as well as views other side in determining position consonant its policies non-alignment and promotion peace. Yazid claimed that Havana communique was carefully drafted and did no more than reaffirm Belgrade resolutions. In talks with Castro, which ~~xx~~ general in nature, Algerians had stressed their non-alignment policy.

FOR Paris: French Embassy informed in general terms of foregoing.

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